



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Takayuki KITAZAWA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2835**

Serial Number: **10/648,283**

Examiner: **Michael Rutland-Wallis**

Filed: **August 27, 2003**

Confirmation No.: **4445**

For: **SWITCHING CIRCUIT, SWITCHING MODULE AND METHOD OF  
CONTROLLING THE SWITCHING CIRCUIT**

Attorney Docket Number: **031080**  
Customer Number: **38834**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 11, 2006

Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election dated December 12, 2005, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-15 and 18-22, drawn to switching module and method. This election is made without traverse. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

Response to Election Requirement

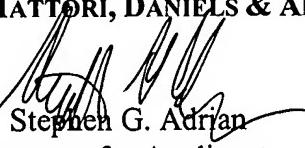
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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